

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/257,207  
Filed on February 25, 1999  
Of Juergen RAMM; Eugen BECK  
Entitled: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING COMPONENT  
PARTS, USE OF SAME, WITH AIR BEARING SUPPORTED  
WORKPIECES AND VACUUM PROCESSING  
CHAMBER  
Examiner: J. T. Haran  
Group: 1733

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages: 30

- X 2. Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 5 sheets, depicting Figures 1-7.

- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

- a. — Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application
- i. — Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

X 5. Cancel original claims 1-22.

   6. Small entity status:

a.    A small entity statement is enclosed

b.    A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on    in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

c.    Is no longer claimed

X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS  
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**


Basic Fee						<u>\$375</u>		<u>\$750</u>				
Total Claims	<u>12</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	9	=	<u>\$</u>	18	=	<u>\$</u>
Ind. Claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	42	=	<u>\$</u>	84	=	<u>\$</u>
<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>						+	140	=	<u>\$</u>	280	=	<u>\$</u>
Total									<u>\$</u>			<u>\$ 750.00</u>

   8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #   ) in the amount of \$   .

X 9. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.


X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 37 CFR § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080310.47624D1).

X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/257,207, filed February 25, 1999.--

- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. 315/99, filed in Switzerland on February 19, 1999, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/257,207 on June 18, 1999.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Unaxis Balzers Aktiengesellschaft.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
- Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.
- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:
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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

June 23, 2003

  
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